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INTRODUCTION.

The "Holston Annual" for 1873 was delayed in its publication, but was, in general, satisfactory to the preachers and members of the church. Many of the preachers finding sale for more copies than they had ordered. The proceedings of the Conference in full, and complete statistics of all the churches in the Conference are useful for constant reference during the year.

The "Annual" for 1874 is not as complete as was desired. The editor hopes by the time the next number is issued to complete arrangements for its publication as a regular periodical, which shall be prized by the members of the church.

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JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.—Wednesday Morning, October 14th, 1874.

The Fifty-First Session of the Holston Annual Conefrence, of the M. E. Church, South, was held at Asheville, N. C., beginning October 14th, 1874, at 9 o'clock, A. M., Bishop David S. Doggett in the Chair.

After religious services and a brief address by the Bishop, the Secretary of last session called the roll of Clerical Members, when the following were found to be present, to-wit:

James Atkins, sr.,	J. Mahoney,	K. C. Atkins,
J. M. McTeer,	D. H. Atkins,	G. W. Miles,
J. K. P. Ball,	E. W. Moore,	W. W. Neal,
W. H. Barnes,	W. D. Mountcastle,	W. H. Bates,
W. W. Bays,	H. C. Neal,	W. R. Barnett,
J. R. Payne,	B. W. S. Bishop,	W. J. Phillips,
John Boring,	T. J. Pope,	J. W. Bowman,
R. N. Price,	C. T. Carroll,	R. J. Only,
L. L. H. Carlock,	F. Richardson,	D. B. Carter,
J. Reynolds,	D. W. Carter,	L. M. Renfro,
W. H. Cooper,	T. T. Salyer,	F. D. Crumley,
J. Smith,	B. O. Davis,	D. R. Smith,
T. P. Darr,	R. E Smith,	J. W. Dickey,
T. F. Smyth,	J. T. Frazier,	P. S. Sutton,
J. L. M. French,	Geo. Stewart,	T. F. Glenn,
G. Taylor,	L. K. Haynes,	W. L. Turner,
J. S. Kennedy,	H. P. Waugh,	J. H. Keith,
C. E. Wiggins,	C. Long,	E. E. Wiley,
J. R. Long,	S. R. Wheeler,	
	W. H. Weaver.—(57.)	

The roll of Lay Delegates was then made out as follows;

Wytheville District.—Peter Gallagher, Rev. Frank Alexander, A. M. Davis and Eli C. Hale.

Jeffersonville District.—James D. Johnson, Henry S. Bowen, Rev. John H. Hoge and R. W. Witten.

Abingdon District.—Wm. B. Aston, John L. Buchanan, R. W. Jones and W. W. James.

Jonesboro District.—F. M. Easterly, I. E. Reeves, E. A. Akard and Rev. W. B. Gale.

Morristown District.—M. Carriger, John W. Carnes, C. P. Simpson and Wm. Hodges.

Knoxville District.—J. M. Carter, Henry Sharp, Rev. T. P. Thomas and B. B. Lenoir.

Athens District.—Simeon D. Cook, W. F. Lenoir, E. E. Griffeth and James Gregory.

Chattanooga District.—Rev. A. Jackson, W. R. Rankin, Z. T. Watkins and Creed F. Bates.

Pikeville District.—P. A. Mitchell, S. C. Norwood, Rev. J. V. Brown and E. C. Montgomery.

Asheville District.—Rev. J. A. Reagan, J. K. Irby, J. A. Reeves and C. G. McDowell.

Franklin District.—Rev. C. D. Smith, W. W. Stringfield, J. H. Bryson and R. S. Pass.

James P. Kelley, Alternate, of Jeffersonville District, took the place of James D. Johnson; E. Jones, Alternate, of Jonesboro' District, took the place of E. A. Ackard; R. M. Hamblen, Alternate, of Morristown District, took the place of J. W. Carnes; and John W. Harle, Alternate, of same District, took the place of Wm. Hodges.

The roll thus made out was called, and the following Lay Delegates found to be present, to-wit:

Rev. Frank Alexander, R. W. Witten, Wm. B. Aston, F. M. Easterly, R. M. Hamblen, B. B. Lenoir, Simeon D. Cook, W. R. Rankin, Rev. James A. Reagan, Rev. C. D. Smith and W. W. Stringfield.

F. Richardson was chosen Secretary, and R. N. Price and J. R. Payne, Assistant Secretaries.

On motion, a bar was fixed, and members requested to sit within it.

On motion of B. W. S. Bishop, the Presiding Elders, with C. T. Carroll, representing A. J. Frazier who was not present, were

appointed a Committee to nominate the Standing Committees of the Session.

On motion of P. S. Sutton, the Conference resolved to hold its sittings with open doors.

On motion of J. S. Kennedy, the hours of meeting and adjourning were fixed at 9 o'clock, A. M, and at 12:30 o'clock, P. M., respectively.

The following appointments were made to fill vacancies in Examining Committees, to-wit:

P S. Sutton, in place of S. Philips for 1st year; J. W. Bowman in place of S. R. Wheeler, and J. R. Long in place of R. H. Parker, for the 2d year; J. S. Burnett in place of C. K. Miller for 3d year; B. W. S. Bishop was made Chairman of Committee for 4th year, in place of G. Taylor, and J. W. Dickey added to that Committee.

E. E. Wiley moved that a Committee of three be appointed to nominate the Examining Committees for the ensuing four years. Motion carried.

A communication from Drs. J. B. McFerrin and A. G. Haygood, Missionary Secretaries, was received, and on motion, referred to the Conference Board of Missions.

A communication from T. O. Summers, D. D.,—"Book Editor"—was received, and on motion, referred to the appropriate committee.

Also two communications from T. O. Summers, D. D.—"Secretary of General Conference, of M. E. Church, South"—with reference to change of General Rule on Temperance, and action of the General Conference at its late session in Louisville, Ky., were received, read, and placed upon the Secretary's table.

A communication from Rev. W. Hicks, with reference to the "Religious Herald" was received, and referred to the appropriate committee.

The Committee on Nominations made their report, which was adopted, as follows:

Public Worship.—A. J. Frazier, C. T. Carroll and J. S. Kennedy.

Education.—B. W. S. Bishop, P. S. Sutton, J. H. Keith, J. P. Kelley, R. N. Price, W. W. Bays and J. A. Reagan.

Sunday Schools.—C. D. Smith, L. L. H. Carlock and W. H. Bates.

Books and Periodicals.—W. G. E. Cunnyngham, W. B. Aston, J. L. M. French, W. R. Rankin and J. W. Bowman.

Memoirs.—J. W. Dickey, C. Long, M. P. Swaim, G. D. French and J. M. McTeer.

Temperance.—W. W. Neal, R. W. Jones and M. Carriger.

Church Property.—E. E. Wiley, G. W. Callahan, K. C. Atkins, W. J. Wilson and W. W. Pyott.

Bible Cause.—T. T. Salyer, D. B. Carter and H. P. Waugh.

Vacancies in the Joint Board of Finance were filled as follows :

Wytheville District.—D. W. Carter in place of B. F. Nuckol's.

Jeffersonville District.—R. W. Witten in place of H. S. Bowen.

Jonesboro District.—F. M. Easterly in place of F. W Earnest.

Morristown District.—R. M. Hamblen in place of M. D. Richmond.

Knoxville District.—G. D. French in place of G. W. K. Green, and Henry Sharp in place of J. M. Carter.

Athens District.—S. D. Cook in place of A. W. Boyd.

Chattanooga District.—A. Jackson in place of Z. T. Watkins.

Asheville District.—J. K. Irby in place of R. B. Vance.

On motion of J. Atkins, sr., the Conference resolved to hold its sittings after to-day in the Methodist Church.

On motion, B. W. S. Bishop was appointed on the Board of Missions in place of B. Arbogast, and Geo. Stewart in place of W. Hicks.

Bro. Mathes, of the East Texas Conference, was introduced.

The Committee on Public Worship reported as follows:

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14.

METHODIST CHURCH, 3 P. M., J. T. Frazier.
" " 7 P. M., S. D. Gaines.

Notices were given, and Conference adjourned with benediction.

SECOND DAY.—THURSDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 15TH, 1874.

Conference met at 9 o'clock A. M., Bishop Doggett in the Chair. Services were conducted by E. E. Wiley.

The roll was called, and absentees noted. The following members who were not present at roll call, yesterday morning, answered to their names, to-wit:

CLERICAL.

J. W. Bird,	W. D. Mitchell,	W. G.E Cunnyngham,
G. W. Martin,	R. W. Pickens,	M. P. Swaim,
G. W. Callahan,	G. D. French,	W. M. Kerr,
J. M. Marshall,	W. W. Pyott,	G. W. Simpson,
W. C. Carden,	T. R. Handy,	J. A. Wiggins.

LAY.

M. Carriger,	J. K. Irby,	W. R. Rankin,
J. A. Reagan,	A. Jackson,	J. H. Bryson.
Henry Sharp,	C. D. Smith,	

The minutes were read, and, after some amendments, approved.

A communication from Dr. A. H. Redford, Book Agent, was received, and referred to the Committee on Books and Periodicals.

A communication from the Trustees of Hiwassee College was received, and referred to the Committee on Education.

C T. Carroll, A. J. Frazier and J. A. Reagan, a committee appointed at the last session of the Conference, to confer with the Board of Directors of Asheville Female College, submitted a report, which was read and referred to a special Committee, consisting of J. S. Burnett, R. N. Price, W. W. Bays, W. W. Stringfield and C. D. Smith.

A communication from Price & Thomas, Editors and Publishers of the "Holston Methodist," was received, and referred to the Committee on Books and Periodicals.

A communication from A. W. Boyd, "Treasurer of Holston Conference Delegation to General Conference," was received, and, on motion, referred to a special Committee, consisting of W. B. Aston, F. Alexander and J. T. Frazier.

QUESTION SIXTH. "*Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?*" was taken up, when Bishop Doggett presented a written certificate from Bishop Wightman, of the transfer of Rev. S. D. Gaines, from the Kentucky to the Holston Conference.

W. M. Kerr was excused from serving on the Joint Board of Finance, and C. E. Wiggins appointed in his place.

G. W. Simpson was appointed on the Joint Board of Finance in place of M. L. Clendenan.

W. W. Stringfield was elected Assistant Secretary.

The Committee on Public Worship reported as follows:

October 15.

Methodist Church, 3 p. m., K. C. Atkins.
" " 7:15, p. m., G. W. Callahan.

A paper, submitted by J. Boring and others, with reference to marking the graves of deceased preachers, was, on motion, referred to a special committee, consisting of J. Boring, W. Hicks and R. W. Jones.

Question Twentieth. "*Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?*" was taken up; whereupon the characters of the following Elders were passed.

G. W. Miles,	J. H. Torbett,	G. Taylor,
R. H. Parker,	Geo. Stewart,	E. W. Moore,
B. W. S. Bishop,	E. E. Wiley,	F. D. Crumley,
G. T. Gray,	H. C. Neal,	J. S. Burnett,
B. F. Nuckolls,	J. A. Davis,	M. L. Clendenen,
W. H. Kelley,	T. F. Smyth,	W. P. Doane,
E. Vertigans,	David Sullins,	G. W. Callahan,
P. S. Sutton,	J. M. Crismond,	H. P. Waugh.
J. W. Dickey,		

Wm. Hicks and Wm. Robeson passed, and were continued in a supernumerary relation.

W. L. Turner's P. E., did not think he was as diligent in the pastoral work as he should be, but, on motion of E. E. Wiley, his character was passed, and the Bishop requested to call his attention to the matter.

A. Q. Harmon had not gone to his work, but on motion of J. S. Kennedy, his character was passed, in view of the peculiar difficulties in the way of his going.

When the name of S. Alexander was called, the painful announcement of his death was made.

Notices were given, and Conference adjourned with benediction.

THIRD DAY.—Friday Morning, October 16th, 1874.

Conference met at 9 o'clock a. m., Bishop Doggett in the Chair. Services conducted by C. Long.

The roll was called, and absentees noted. The following brethren, who had not previously answered to their names, were present:

CLERICAL.

William Hicks.

LAY.

Rev. W. B. Gale, John W. Harle, C. G. McDowel.

The minutes were read and approved. On motion, the calling of the roll was dispensed with for the remainder of the session.

A communication from Rev. M. J. Langhorne, President of the Virginia Annual Conference, of the Methodist Protestant Church, bearing the fraternal greetings of that body to this Conference, was received, and on motion, referred to a special committee, consisting of W. G. E. Cunnyngham, J. S. Kennedy and G. W. Miles.

Dr. A. G. Haygood, Sunday School Secretary, was introduced and made some remarks, as a representative of the Publishing House.

A communication from the Trustees of "Martha Washington College," was received and referred to the Committee on Education.

TWENTIETH QUESTION. "*Are all the Preachers blameless in their life and official administration?*" was resumed, when the characters of the following Elders were passed:

J. Boring,	J. S. W. Neal,	A. J. Frazier,
J. L. M. French,	J. N. S. Huffaker,	C. T. Carroll,
D. B. Carter,	W. H. Cooper,	G. W. Martin,
R. N. Price,	J. M. McTeer,	James Mahoney,
Jacob Smith,	D. H. Carr,	T. J. Pope,
L. C. Delashmit,	W. W. Pyott,	L. M. Renfro,
W. H. Barnes,	T. T. Salyer,	J. W. Bird,
F. A. Farley,	J. T. Smith,	W. H. Weaver,
A. E. Woodward,	J. H. Brunner,	J. S. Kennedy,
D. R. Smith,	J. Atkins,	T. F. Glenn,
C. Long,	L. L. H. Carlock,	W. M. Kerr,
W. G. E. Cunnyngham,	S. R. Wheeler,	J. W. Bowman,
G. D. French,	M. P. Swaim	C. E. Wiggins,
J. R. Payne,	L. K. Haynes,	J. A. Wiggins,
J. M. Marshall,	W. W. Neal,	W. H. Bates,
F. Richardson,	G. W. Renfro,	J. R. Long,
	S. Philips.	

J. D. Baldwin, C. K. Miller, R. M. Hickey, R. W. Pickens and

John Reynolds were passed and continued in a supernumerary relation.

R. A. Giddens was passed, and placed upon the list of superannuates.

E. F. Lyon's death was announced, and the case reported to the Committee on Memoirs.

The Committee on Public Worship, reported as follows:

October 16.

Methodist Church, at 3 p. m., J. Reynolds for the Semi-Centinental Sermon requested by the Conference at its last session.

Methodist Church 7:15 p. m., Dr. Haygood.

The time for the morning session being expired, it was on motion extended.

A communication from the Trustees of Sullins College was received, and referred to the Committee on Education.

J. H. Bryson was appointed on the Committee on Church Property in place of W. J. Wilson, and D. H Atkins on Joint Board of Finance, in place of P. S. Sutton.

Notices were given, and Conference adjourned with the benediction.

FOURTH DAY.—Saturday, October 18th, 1874.

Conference met at 9 o'clock a. m., Bishop Doggett in the Chair. Services by W. G E. Cunnyngham.

The minutes were read, corrected and approved.

The Bishop announced E. E. Wiley, W G. E. Cunnyngham and W. Hicks, as the committee to nominate the Examining Committees for the ensuing four years.

On motion of G. W. Miles, D. H. Atkins and T. R. Handy, were appointed to go through the Conference and solicit subscribers for the Missionary, the Advocate, and the Quarterly Review.

The will of Rev. Jacob Brillhart, by which he bequeathed two thousand dollars ($2,000), to the Holston Annual Conference, was read, and with an accompanying note, referred to the Joint Board of Finance.

Question Two. "*Who remain on trial?*" was taken up. Whereupon the following brethren were passed and continued:

James K. Wolfe,	Isaac S. Ross,	James I. Cash,
Elbert L. Barrett:	Wm. M. Crawford,	Ayres Kincaid.
Jos. H. Sensabaugh,	Winfield S. Jordan.	

The following brethren not having been before the Committee of Examination, we e passed, and continued in the first year:

Sam'l S. Weatherly, Jacob O. Shelly, Jas. M. McCampbell.
Isaac H. Hoskins, Robert A Hutsell.

Benjamin F. Smith was passed and discontinued at his own request. My Grandfather

Daniel W. Rucker was discontinued.

Question Fourth. "*Who are admitted into full connection?*" was taken up, when the following brethren, having given satisfactory answers to the usual disciplinary questions, propounded by the Bishop, were passed, admitted into full connection and elected to Deacon's Orders:

Lean'r W. Thompson,	Ballard R. Wilburn,	James Atkins, jr.,
John M. Wolfe,	Edward S. Shelly,	John R. Hixon,
Wm. H. Price,	Joseph B. Davis,	S. T. M. McPherson,
Jno. H. Kennedy,	Erastus H. Bogle,	Jos. A. Bilderback,
John W. Smith,	Wm. H. Dawn,	Chas. B. Fugate.

John H. Robinson was passed, and admitted into full connection, having been previously ordained Deacon.

Twelfth Question. "*What Traveling Preachers are elected Elders?*" was taken up, whereupon Thomas R. Handy, Wm. D. Mitchel, Wm. C. Carden, Wiley J. Phillips, James K. P. Ball and Daniel H. Atkins were passed, and elected to Elder's Orders.

George W. K. Green was passed and granted a supernumerary relation.

Hezekiah W. Bays was passed and continued in the fourth year.

It was announced that Edward W. Marsh had died during the year, and the case was referred to the Committee on Memoirs.

The case of Timothy P. Darr was referred to a committee of three, consisting of W. Hicks, Chairman, H. C. Neal and W. H. Bates.

The time for the morning session being out, it was, on motion of J. M. McTeer, extended to enable the Conference to take up the questions relating to the ordination of Local Preachers.

Tenth Question. "*What Local Preachers are elected Deacons?*" was taken up, when the following Local Preachers, having been duly recommended by the Quarterly Conferences of which they are members respectively, were elected to Deacon's Orders:

From Wytheville District.—J. W. Whittington.

From Knoxville District.—James A. Lyon, Geo. W. Sharp, G. H. Chaffin and Joshua Curtis.

From Athens District.—Lewis E. Miller and Geo. C. Rankin.

From Franklin District.—P. P. McLean.

FOURTEENTH QUESTION. "*What Local Preachers are elected Elders?*" was taken up, when Charles M. Greer, of the Asheville District, having been duly recommended by the Quarterly Conference, of which he is a member, and having certified his belief of the doctrines of the M. E. Church, South, and his willingness to be governed by her Discipline, was elected to Elder's Orders.

R. W. Witten and S. D. Cook were granted leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

The Committee on Public Worship, reported as follows:

OCTOBER 17.

METHODIST CHURCH, 3 P. M., Rev. Bro. Mathes.
" " 7:15 P. M., Missionary Meeting.
A. ZION M. E. CHURCH, 7:15 P. M., W. W. Pyott.

SUNDAY 18.

METHODIST CHURCH, 9 A. M., Love Feast conducted by C. Long.
" " 11 " Bishop Doggett.
" " 3 P. M., Sunday School Meeting.
" " 7:15 P. M., James Atkins, Sr.
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 11 A. M., Dr. Haygood.
" " 3 P. M., F. Richardson.
" " 7:15 " W. G. E. Cunnyngham.
BAPTIST CHURCH, 11 A. M, E. E. Wiley.
" " 3 P. M., C. Long.
" " 7:15 P. M., J. W. Dickey.
AFRICAN Z. M. E. CHURCH, 11 A. M., S. R. Wheeler.
" " " 3 P. M., G. W. Miles.
" " " 7:15 P. M., H. C. Neal.

Notices were given, and Conference adjourned with benediction.

FIFTH DAY.—MONDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 19TH, 1874.

Conference met at 9 o'clock, A. M., Bishop Doggett in the Chair. The minutes were read and approved.

Rev. J. J. Lafferty, of the Richmond "Christian Advocate," was introduced, and made some very entertaining remarks.

Rev. F. M. Fanning and Rev. Mr. Battin, of the M. E. Church, were introduced.

QUESTION TENTH. "*What local preachers are elected Deacons?*" was resumed. Jackson V. Brown, of the Pikeville District, being recommended by the Quarterly Conference, of which he is a member, was elected to Deacon's orders.

The following preamble and resolutions, introduced by H. C. Neal and J. H. Keith, were passed by a unanimous vote:

WHEREAS, Our Conference has heard with great satisfaction the semi-centenial sermon, preached by our venerable Father, Rev. John Reynolds; and

WHEREAS, Said sermon contains many important facts and dates connected with the history of our Conference; therefore

Resolved, That Father Reynolds is respectfully requested to furnish a copy of his sermon for the archives of the Conference.

Resolved, 2. That we will remember our venerable friend before a throne of grace, and pray that he may long be spared to bless the church with his labors and example.

QUESTION FOURTEENTH. "*What local preachers are elected Elders?*" was resumed. Alexander C. Sutherland, of the Wytheville District, and John Prather, of the Jeffersonville District, being recommended by their respective Quarterly Conferences, and having signified their belief of the doctrines of the M. E. Church, South, and their willingness to be governed by her discipline, were elected to Elders' orders.

QUESTION FIRST. "*Who are admitted on trial?*" The following brethren being recommended by the quarterly conferences, of which they were members, respectively, and having passed the requisite examinations, were admitted:

From Wytheville District.—Samuel B. Smitteel.

From Jeffersonville District.—Morton S. Watts.

From Jonesboro District.—James N. Lotspeich, Charles M. Brown and Richard T. Barton.

From Athens District.—George C. Rankin.

From Chattanooga District.—David H. Dickey.

From Asheville District.—William B. Reese, Joseph P. Reynolds and Frank N. Atkins.

From Franklin District.—Pinkney P. McLean.

The Committee on Public Worship reported as follows:

OCTOBER 19.

METHODIST CHURCH, 3 P. M., W. W. Bays.

" " 7:15 " Missionary meeting. Addresses by Dr. Haygood, Rev. J. J. Lafferty and Dr. Cunnyngham.

African Zion M. E. Church, 7:15 p. m., W. Hicks.
Colored Baptist Church, 7:15 " T. T. Salyer.

The Committee to whom was referred the case of Rev. T. P. Darr, met at the room of Brother Hicks, the Chairman; and, after having the parties before them, and a thorough investigation so far as they were able, make the following report:

That while there are some things in Brother Darr's case, not strictly in accordance with ministerial dignity and propriety; yet in view of all the circumstances connected with Brother Darr's case, we recommend the passage of his character.

Wm. Hicks.
W. H. Bates.
H. C. Neal.

Whereupon Brother Darr's character was passed, and he was elected to Deacon's orders.

On motion, it was resolved that 10 o'clock to-morrow be fixed as the time for taking the vote of the Conference on the proposed change of a general rule, and that the vote be taken without debate.

D. D. Davies, Alternate, took the place of R. S. Pass, Lay Delegate from the Franklin District.

Question Fifth. "*Who are re-admitted?*" was taken up. Stirling V. Bates from the Chattanooga District, and Gaston M. Massey, from the Asheville District, being properly recommended, were re-admitted.

John R. Stradley, from the Athens District, was re-admitted, and granted a supernumerary relation.

B. F. White, from the Jeffersonville District, was recommended, but not re admitted.

Question Eighteenth. "*Who are superannuated?*" Joseph Haskew, L W. Crouch, Timothy Sullins and W. B. Witton, were passed, and continued in a superannuated relation.

H. M. Bennett passed, and was granted a supernumerary relation.

When the names of our venerable and beloved Fathers—Jacob Brilhart and S. B. Harwell—were called, it was announced that they had died during the year, and their cases referred to the Committee on Memoirs.

On motion, the vote by which James M. McCampbell was continued on trial, was re-considered, and he was discontinued at his own request.

QUESTION NINTH. "*What traveling preachers are ordained Deacons?*" The Bishop reported that he had ordained:

Lean'r W. Thompson,	Bal. R. Wilburn,	James Atkins, jr.,
John M. Wolfe,	Edward S. Shelley,	John R. Hixon,
Wm. H. Price,	Joseph B. Davis,	S T. M. McPherson,
John W. Smith,	Erastus H. Bogle,	Jos. A. Bilderback,
John H. Kennedy,	Wm. H. Dawn,	Chas. M. Fugate.

QUESTION ELEVENTH. "*What local preachers are ordained Deacons?*" The Bishop reported that he had ordained:

Wm. B. Gale, Geo. C. Rankin, Pink'y P. McLean, Hen. E. Joiner, and "Enola," or "Black Fox," of the Echota Indian Mission.

QUESTION THIRTEENTH. "*What traveling preachers are ordained Elders?*" The Bishop reported that he had ordained:

Thos. R. Handy,	Wm. C. Carden,	Jas. K. P. Ball,
Wm. D. Mitchell,	Wiley J. Phillips,	Dan. H. Atkins,
	Tim. P. Darr.	

QUESTION FIFTEENTH. "*What local preachers are ordained Elders?*" The Bishop reported that he had ordained:

Charles M. Greer Barnard G. Wild.

SIXTH DAY.—TUESDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 20TH, 1874.

Conference met at 9 o'clock A. M., Bishop Doggett in the Chair. Services by George Stewart.

Rev. Mr. Ogburn, of the Methodist Protestant Church, was introduced.

On motion of J. M. McTeer, E. E. Wiley, B. W. S. Bishop and R. N. Price, were appointed a Committee to nominate a Board of Missions under the new law.

On motion of G. W. Miles, the Conference proceeded to fix the place of next meeting. W. G. E. Cunnyngham nominated Knoxville, and E. W. Moore nominated Bristol. The vote being taken, Knoxville was chosen.

J. R. Payne submitted a paper with reference to the publication of the "Holston Annual," for 1873–4.

The following resolutions, offered by W. M. Kerr and W. G. E. Cunningham, were adopted by a unanimous rising vote:

Resolved by the Holston Annual Conference, That we deeply sympathize with our *dearly beloved brother*, W. B. Winton, in his protracted affliction; and we would hereby assure him, that it affords us pleasure, as far as we may, to minister to his wants.

Resolved, That Brother McTeer forward to him a copy of the above resolution.

W. M. Keer and J. W. Dickey offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved by the Holston Annual Conference, That we recommend monthly meetings of prayer, for the cause of missions and our missionaries, in all our congregations, where practicable; and that each preacher in charge of work, be requested to preach at least one sermon at each appointment, during the year, on that subject.

R. N. Price presented the report of the special committee, on the Asheville Female College, which was read, and, on motion, laid on the table for the present.

C. D. Smith submitted the report of the Committee on Sunday Schools, which was, on motion of J. M. McTeer, unanimously adopted.

Ten o'clock having arrived, the order of the day was taken up, which was the vote of the Conference on the proposed change in the general rules. The Bishop read the rule as it now stands, and the one proposed by the General Conference. The ayes and nays were taken, and resulted as follows: Eighty-six (86) ayes, and eighteen (18) nays.

The Committee on Public Worship reported as follows:

Methodist Church,	3 p. m,	E. E. Wiley.
"	"	7:15 "	Educational meeting.
African M. E.	"	7:15 "	C. E. Wiggins.
Col'd Baptist,	"	7:15 "	J. Mahoney.

The report of the special committee on the Asheville College, was taken up. The first, second, third and fourth items were adopted *seriatim*. The time for the mass meeting was fixed for to-night at 7:15 o'clock. J. S. Kennedy, R. N. Price and R. B. Vance were appointed a committee to fill the remaining blanks in the report, and it was then adopted as a whole.

Seventh Question. "*Who are the Deacons of one year?*" was taken up. David W. Carter, W. D. Mountcastle, W. R. Barnett, John C. Reagan, Robert E Smith and Return J. Only were passed.

John P. Dickey, John H. Parrott, George W. Simpson, John H. Keith and George H. Frazier, not having been before the Com-

mittee of Examination, were passed, and continued in the third year.

John Alley was passed, and continued in a supernumerary relation.

J. N. S. Huffaker was granted a supernumerary relation.

On motion, the vote, by which W. Robeson was made a supernumerary relation, was reconsidered, and he was granted a superannuate relation.

On motion, A. J. Harmon was located, on account of inefficiency.

A resolution, "That when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at three o'clock this afternoon," was lost.

On motion, the Editors of the "Holston Methodist," and the "Religious Herald," were respectfully requested to publish the report of the Committee on Sunday Schools, submitted to this Conference, in their respective papers.

James A. Reagan and William B. Asten were granted leave of absence during the remainder of the session.

The Special Committee on the expenses of the Delegates to the late General Conference, submitted a report, which was, on motion, adopted.

R. W. Jones, from the special committee with reference to marking graves of deceased preachers, submitted a report, which was laid on the table for the present.

The time having expired for the morning session, it was, on motion of J. M. McTeer, extended to hear the report of the Special Committee on the Board of Missions. E. E. Wiley presented his report, which was read and recommitted.

On motion, the time was further extended, to distribute the Conference Fund among the claimants.

The Joint Board of Finance, presented that part of their report relating to the distribution of the Conference fund, which was adopted, but important information, not heretofore in possession of the Board, being given, the vote by which it was adopted was reconsidered and it was recommitted.

Notices were given, and Conference adjourned with a benediction.

SEVENTH DAY.—Wednesday Morning, October 21st, 1874.

Conference met at 9 o'clock A. M., Bishop Doggett in the Chair. Services by G. W. Miles.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Special Committee to respond to the fraternal communication from the Virginia Annual Conference, M. P. Church, reported as follows, which was adopted:

ASHEVILLE, N. C., CONFERENCE ROOM, October 18, 1874.

To the Rev. M. J. Langhorne, President of the Virginia Annual Conference:

REVEREND AND DEAR BROTHER—Your communication of the 15th inst., conveying the fraternal greetings of the Virginia Annual Conference, of the Methodist Protestant Church, to the Holston Conference of the M. E. Church, South, has been received, and read before the Conference. The undersigned were appointed a Committee to respond.

The Holston Conference most cordially reciprocates the kindly sentiments of your letter, and joins in earnest prayer with you for the peace and prosperity of our common Methodism. You will please convey to your Conference our Christian greetings, and an expression of our brotherly love for them. May the God of Israel bless you! May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Your brethren in Christ,

W. G. E. CUNNYNGHAM,
JAS. S. KENNEDY,
GEO. W. MILES.

J. M. McTeer announced that brethren of the Conference, as an expression of their kind regard for Rev. W. B. Winton, had given him twenty-four dollars and seventy-five cents, ($24.75), to send to Brother Winton.

The Committee on Books and Periodicals, submitted a report, which, after a slight amendment, was, on motion, adopted as a whole.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to copy, on the minutes, the will of Rev. Jacob Brilhart, deceased, bequething two thousand dollars ($2,000) to the Conference.

On motion, the above fund was designated by the name of "The Brilliant Fund."

The Joint Board of Finance, submitted their report, which was adopted *seriatim*, and then as a whole.

The Committee on Public Worship reported as follows:

METHODIST CHURCH,	3 P. M.,	James Atkins, jr.
" "	7:15 "	W. W. Bays.
AFRICAN M. E. "	7:15 "	P. S. Sutton.
COL'D BAPTIST "	7:15 "	J. A. Wiggings.

The Secretary submitted his statistical report, the reading of which was suspended for the present, and the Conference resolved that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

On motion, Jacob Smith, Joseph B. Davis and W. P. Doane were granted supernumerary relations.

A. J. Frazier and J. S. Kennedy offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the importance and magnitude of the interests involved in the scheme to reclaim the Asheville Female College, requires and justifies the appoin,ment of an efficient agent, and that as a Conference, we do hereby earnestly recommend the Bishop to appoint to that agency James Atkins, Sr.

On motion the Conference requested the Bishop to appoint R. N. Price, Editor of the Holston Methodist and William Hicks, Editor of the Religious Herald.

In view of the long and faithful servies of W. Hicks, in behalf of the Church and Conference, the Conference donated the balance of a note due from Brother Hicks, to the Preachers' Aid Society.

The Committee on Education submitted their report, which was adopted *seriatim*, and then as a whole.

On motion, the Conference requested the Bishop to appoint Josiah Torbit to the Blountville Female Institute.

The Special Committee on the Asheville Female College, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee appointed to fill the blank in the report of the Committee on the Asheville Female College, respectfully recommend: That the blank of maximum amount of subscription to be raised to purchase the stock of the College, be fixed at $10,000. Said amount to be exclusive of the $2,300 cash debt of the Company which is to be liquidated by subscriptions.

2d. That ten per cent be allowed the Agent for valid subscriptions, collection to be proof of validity, and ten per cent for collection.

The Committee on Memoirs submitted their report, which, after some very affecting remarks from several of the brethren, singing and prayer by Father Reynolds, was adopted.

The time of the session was extended ten minutes.

The Special Committee on the Board of Missions reported, and nominated the following Board of Missions:

R. N. Price,	J. W. Dickey,	William Hicks,
J. T. Frazier,	J. S. Burnett,	W. W. Pyott.
J. L. M. French,	B. W. S. Bishop,	T. F. Smith,
	W. G. E. Cunnyngham,	

They were elected.

On motion, the Bishop was requested to appoint J. W. Bowman to the Keowee Peabody High School.

Conference adjourned with the benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION.—Wednesday, October 21st, 1874.

Conference met at 3 o'clock, P. M., E. E. Wiley in the Chair by appointment of the Bishop. Exercises by P. S. Sutton.

The minutes were read and approved.

The statistical report of the Secretary was taken up, and H. C. Neal offered a resolution that the totals, only, in the several districts should be read. W. W. Neal offered as a substitute, that only the grand totals should be read, which was adopted.

On motion, W. W. Neal was permitted to append a foot note to his report of Sunday School Statistics.

On motion, the Statistical Secretary was permitted to make such change in his figures as he might find necessary, upon comparing them with other reports.

The statistical report was then adopted as a whole.

W. W. Neal, from the Committee on Temperance, submitted a report which was adopted as a whole.

The Committee on the Board of Missions submitted a constitution for that Board, which was considered item by item, and after some amendments, was adoped *seriatim*, and as a whole.

The Treasurer of the Board of Missions submitted his report, which was read and adopted.

The following resolution, offered by W. W. Neal and G. D. French, was adopted:

Resolved, That we request the Bishop to appoint Jacob Smith, Book Agent of our Conference, and recommend our brethren to co-operate with Brother Smith, in circulating books.

On motion, R. N. Price was elected the Corresponding Sunday School Secretary of the Conference.

On motion,

Resolved, That when we adjourn, that we adjourn to meet at 7 o'clock, to-night.

Conference adjourned with the benediction.

EVENING SESSION.—Wednesday, October 21st, 1874.

Conference met at 7 o'clock, P. M., Dr. E. E. Wiley in the Chair. Services by B. W. S. Bishop.

Reading of the minutes was postponed for the present.

The Committee on Preachers' Memorial Aid Society reported, and the report was adopted, *seriatim*, after some amendments, and then as a whole.

On motion, the Bishop was requested to appoint R. N. Price, Agent for Asheville Female College.

J. S. Kennedy and J. R. Payne introduced the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, Brother J. W. Paulett, of Knoxville, Tenn., Agent of the Publishing House of E. H. Butler & Co., of Philadelphia, Penn., has expressed a willingness to give any assistance he can, gratuitously, to the General Agent of the Asheville Female College, he is hereby requested and authorized to do so.

The credentials of T. P. Ensor, a local preacher of Powell's Valley Circuit, were returned to the Conference by J. Boring, P. E., of Morristown District.

Bishop Doggett coming in took the Chair.

The Committee to nominate Examining Committees for the ensuing four years, reported as follows, which was adopted:

On Candidates for admission on Trial.—E. E. Wiley, B. W. S. Bishop.

First Year.—R. N. Price, W. W. Neal, G. D. French.

Third Year.—J. S. Burnett, R. H. Parker, H. C. Neal.

Fourth Year.—W. G. E. Cunnyngham, J. H. Brunner, J. W. Dickey.

The Committee on Church Property, presented a report, which was adopted.

The Committee on Public Worship appointed F. Richardson to preach the Conference Sermon at the next session.

The following resolutions were adopted by a unanimous rising vote:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are due, and are hereby tendered, to the citizens of Asheville, for the hospitable manner in which they entertained the members of this body.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered, to the various pastors of the city, for the tender of their churches, for the use of this body.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered, to Mr. Blair, and the several railroads, for the kindness extended to the members of this body, in allowing them half fare.

L. L. H. CARLOCK.
G. D. FRENCH.

The Board of Missions reported through their Secretary, which report was adopted.

The Bishop announced the clerical members of the Joint Board of Finance as follows:

W. H. Price,	W. H. Cooper,	R. J. Only,
H. C. Neal,	T. F. Glenn,	C. F. Carroll,
J. S. Burnett,	W. W. Pyott,	L. K. Haynes.
M. L. Clendenen,	W. W. Bays,	

The Lay members to be added at the next session.

The minutes of the afternoon and evening sessions were read and approved.

The Conference then engaged in religious exercises, conducted by the Bishop and C. Long.

The Bishop then read the appointments of the preachers for the ensuing year, as below, and Conference adjourned *sine die*.

APPOINTMENTS.

WYTHEVILLE DISTRICT.

G. W. MILES, P. E.

Wytheville Station, D. W. Carter.
Wytheville Circuit, B. W. S. Bishop, Wm. B. Reece.
Newbern Circuit, W. H. Price, John W. Smith.
Jacksonville and Newport Circuit, W. J. Phillips.
Hillsville Circuit and Carroll Mission, John M. Wolfe.
Independence Circuit, James Mahoney.
Elk Creek Circuit, B. F. Nuckolls.
Jefferson Circuit, E. Vertegans.
Marion Circuit, John H. Keith, G. C. Rankin.
Watauga, Isaac N. Ross.

JEFFERSONVILLE DISTRICT.

GEORGE STEWART, P. E.

Jeffersonville Station, H. C. Neal.
Liberty Hill Circuit, Morton F. Watts, S. S. Weatherly.
East Tazewell Circuit, W. H. Kelly, one to be supplied.
Pearisburg Circuit, Phillip S. Sutton, G. W. K. Green, supernumerary.
Seddon Circuit, B. R. Wilburn, Wm. Hicks, supernumerary.
Princeton Circuit, Ayres Kincaid.
Bluestone Circuit and Flat Top Mission, Wm. M. Crawford.
Buchanan Circuit, S. B. Smiltteel.
McDowell Circuit, supplied with I. N. Boyd.
Editor of Religious Herald, Wm. Hicks.

ABINGDON DISTRICT.

E. W. MOORE, P. E.

Abingdon Station, J. S. Burnett.
Abingdon Circuit, James W. Dickey, Joseph B. Davis, supernumerary.
Emory Circuit, Tobias F. Smith.
Bristol Station, Jacob T. Frazier.
Bristol Circuit, James K. Wolfe, W. P. Doane, supernumerary.
Saltville Circuit, S. D. Gaines.
Lebanon Circuit, C. E. Wiggins.
Dickensonville, H. W. Bays.
Estillville Circuit, Wm. H. Weaver.
Gladeville Circuit, Robert E. Smith.
McClure Mission, to be supplied.
President Emory and Henry College, E. E. Wiley.
Professor Emory and Henry College, J. A. Davis.
President Sullin's College, D. Sullins.
Principal Abingdon District High School, George A. Frazier.

JONESBORO' DISTRICT.

G. TAYLOR, P. E.

Jonesboro' Station, J. Adkins, Jr.
Jonesboro' Circuit, L. C. Delashmit.
Blountville Circuit, M. L. Clendenen.
Rheatown Circuit, G. W. Callahan.
Greeneville Circuit, W. R. Barnett, Charles M. Brown.
St. Clair Circuit, H. P. Waugh.
Newport Circuit, G. W. Simpson.
Fall Branch Circuit and Horse Creek Mission, F. D. Crumley.

JONESBORO' DISTRICT, Continued.

Elizabethton Circuit and Taylorsville Mission, G. T. Grey.
Principal Blountville Female Institute, Josiah H. Torbett.

MORRISTOWN DISTRICT.

J. Boring, P. E.

Morristown Station, George D. French.
Mossy Creek Station, J. K. P. Ball.
Morristown Circuit, John M. Crismond.
Rutledge Circuit, D. B. Carter.
Bean's Station Circuit, L. W. Thompson.
Rogersville Circuit, W. H. Dawn.
Sneadville Mission, John D. Baldwin, supernumerary.
Kingsport Circuit, W. H. Barnes.
Rye Cove Circuit, W. H. Cooper.
Jonesville Circuit, F. A. Farley.
Powell's Valley Circuit, D. R. Smith.
Tazewell Circuit, A. E. Woodward.
Editor Holston Methodist and Sunday School Secretary, R. N Price.

KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.

C. Long, P. E.

Knoxville—
Church Street Station, W. G. E. Cunnyngham.
Broad Street Station, John L. M. French.
Mabry Street Station, W. C. Carden.
Maryville and Louisville Circuit, T. F. Glenn.
Unitia and Morganton Circuit, J. R. Payne.
Knox and Lenoir Circuit, W. H. Bates.
Clinton Circuit, J. M. Marshal.
Maynardsville Circuit, John C. Runyan.
Jacksboro' Circuit, F. Richardson, C. K. Miller, supernumerary.
Dandridge Circuit, J. S. W Neel, E. S. Barrett, J. N. S. Huffaker, supernumerary.
Sevierville Circuit, I. H. Hoskins.

ATHENS DISTRICT.

John M. McTeer, P. E.

Athens Station, Thomas R. Handy.
Athens Circuit, Tyre T. Salyer, R. M. Hickey, supernumerary.
Sweetwater Circuit, R. H. Parker, one supplied with C. D. McTeer.
Philadelphia and Loudon Circuit and Tennessee River Mission, W. W. Pyott, J. W. Robertson.
Madisonville Circuit, J. N. Lotspiech.
Eleazer Circuit and Tellico Mission, supplied with H. B. Brandon.
Riceville Circuit, W. D. Mountcastle.
Decatur Circuit, D. H. Carr.
Mouse Creek and Toco Circuit, J. T. Smith.
President Hiwassee College, J. H. Brunner.
Principal Athens District Female Institute, R. H. Parker.

CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.

James Atkins, P. E.

Chattanooga Station, W. W. Bays, J. O. Shelley.
South Chattanooga, Frank N. Atkin.
Ooltewah Circuit and Chickamauga Mission, B. O. Davis.
Cleveland Station, L. L. H. Carlock.
Charleston and Calhoun Station, K. C. Atkins.
Cleveland Circuit, E. H. Bogle.
Benton Circuit and Ocoee Mission, A. T. Brooks.
Hamilton Circuit, J. A. Bilderback.
Trenton Circuit, J. H. Parrott, one supplied with J. A. Darr.

PIKEVILLE DISTRICT.

S. R. Wheeler, P. E.

Pikeville Circuit, J. I. Cash, J. R. Hixon.
Jasper Circuit, M. P. Swaim, D. H. Dickey, John Ailey, supernumerary.
Washington Circuit, Winfield S. Jordan.
Poplar Creek Circuit and Wartburg Mission, Steven T. M. McPherson.
Kinston Circuit, S. Philips, G. W. Renfro.
Tracy City Station, John H. Kennedy.
Summerfield Circuit and Cove Mission, T. P. Darr.
Shiloh and Altamont Circuit, and Mountain Mission, supplied with W. S. Brown.
Spencer Mission, to be supplied.
Jamestown Circuit and Huntsville Mission, P. P. McLean.
Crossville Circuit and Bonair Mission, W. W. Neal.
Principal of Pikeville District High School, John P. Dickey. Assistant, R. J. Only.

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT.

A. J. Frazier, P. E.

Asheville Station, C. T. Carroll.
Asheville Circuit, S. V. Bates, R. A. Hutsell.
Sulphur Spring Circuit, John H. Robeson, John Reynolds, supernumerary.
Brevard Circuit, R. T. Barton.
Heudersonville Circuit, W. D. Mitchell.
Catawba Circuit, G. M. Massey.
Burnsville Circuit, L. M. Renfro.
Bakersville Circuit, G. W. Martin.
Marshall Circuit and Pine Creek Mission, Joseph P. Reynolds, R. W. Pickens, supernumerary.
President Asheville Female College, J. S. Kennedy. Agent, R. N. Price.

FRANKLIN DISTRICT.

T. J. Pope, P. E.

Franklin Circuit, L. K. Haynes, E. S. Shelley.
Waynesville Circuit, W. M. Kerr.
Hayesville Circuit, J. A. Wiggins.
Ducktown Station, D. H. Atkins.
Murphy Circuit, J. A. Sensabaugh.
Webster Circuit, J. W. Bird.
Casher's Valley Mission, C. B. Fugate.
Graham Mission, Wm. L. Turner.
Echota Mission, J. R. Long.
Principal Keowee High School, J. W. Bowman.

D. S. DOGGETT, *President.*

F. RICHARDSON, *Secretary.*

REPORTS.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee cannot in justice to themselves, to the Conference, to the church, to the cause of Christ and to the children of the church, pass lightly and hurriedly over so vital a cause as that of Sunday Schools, without, at least, a partial analysis of its present condition within the bounds of the Holston Conference. With a view to effect the proposed analysis we have taken the trouble to get as nearly as possible the statistics of the Sunday Schools, by districts, and also the number of the adult membership of the church, within our bounds, and compare the relative members. By this process, we have approximated the per centum of scholars in our schools as compared with the number of adults in society.

We proceed to the statement of the figures and the results at which we have arrived, remarking that where there was a small fraction either plus or minus a whole number we have used the whole number.

Wytheville	Dist.	Members,	3,587.	Scholars,	2,382.	Per cent,	60
Jeffersonville	"	"	4,183.	"	2,576.	"	69
Abingdon	"	"	4,897.	"	3,056.	"	63
Jonesboro	"	"	2,395.	"	948.	"	32
Morristown	"	"	3,791.	"	1,773.	"	49
Knoxville	"	"	3,109.	"	1,553.	"	50
Athens	"	"	2,467.	"	1,094.	"	44
Chattanooga	"	"	2,265.	"	1,029.	"	45
Pikeville	"	"	2,221.	"	980.	"	44
Asheville	"	"	3,188.	"	1,460.	"	46
Franklin	"	"	2,850.	"	2,185.	"	77

In order to a more complete analysis, we state that the aggregate number of adult members is 34,953, and the aggregate numbers of Sunday school scholars is 19,036. This gives us an average of fifty-four per cent and a small fraction.

The difference between the number of members and scholars is 15,917.

Your committee, in making these estimates, have supposed that there is a child of proper age and condition to attend Sunday School, for every adult member in the Church. If this very reasonable supposition be correct, then there are fifteen thousand, nine hundred and seventeen children of the Church not accounted for in the reports of this conference. This fact suggests to the committee at least a very grave —we may say momentous—question where are these dear lambs of the church? Surely we cannot trust them upon the commons, nor commit them to the shepherds of other flocks. The matured members and lambs of the same flock should be under the care of the same shepherds, should go to the same pastures, should have the same spiritual food, and under the eye of the shepherd, lie down together under the shade of the same spiritual tree.

While discussing this subject your committee have been deeply affected by the injunction of the Master: "Feed my lambs." To do this, and to do it effectively, we must bring them into the Sunday School fold, where we can alone have them under our own eye, see that they get no fatal poison, and when the storm comes carry them in our bosoms and thus save them to the church and to Christ.

The committee have not given to the question of Sunday School Libraries and the circulation of our excellent Sunday School literature the consideration which its importance deserves. We are satisfied, however, that no commendation of ours can add aught to the high estimate placed by the Conference upon the literature and music issued from our publishing house. They have become a *desideratum* in our Sunday Schools, and also a power for salvation. It is cause of devout gratitude, that so many conversions have occured during the year in our Sunday Schools, and it should be cause of the profoundest regret that fifteen thousand and over of our children have been left outside of these blessed influences. Your committee cherish the hope, and a dear hope it is, that this state of things will no longer be allowed to exist in our Conference. That a better condition of our Sunday School affairs, that higher and holier ground may be reached by the church, in this noble Sunday School work, we believe on evidence derived from the statistical reports. We name but two charges in support of this belief. The Bristol circuit reports a membership of six hundred and fifty-eight, and seven hundred and thirty-five Sunday scholars. The Waynesville circuit reports eight hundred members and eight hundred Sunday School scholars. We mention these two charges as furnishing an example of what the Southern Methodist Episcopal Church within the bounds of the Holston conference ought at least to aim at and attain to. In the midst of the complicated and increasing dangers around us, your committee believe that we cannot afford to undertake less.

And now with a devout hope that the facts and figures, and suggestions presented by the committee may awaken prayerful enquiry and result in much good, this report is respectfully submitted, and the following resolution:

Resolved, By the Holston Annual Conference, that we will, in accordance with prudence and as far as practicable, labor to bring up our Sunday School statistics to the average of one Sunday scholar for every adult member in the church.

C. D. Smith, Ch'm.
L. L. H. Carlock,
W. H. Bates.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ASHEVILLE FEMALE COLLEGE.

The special committee appointed to consider the question of reclaiming the Asheville Female College to the church, beg leave to report as follows:

We have carefully considered the report of the special committee appointed at the last session of our Conference, which was refered to us, have elicited all the information we could obtain on the subject and have agreed to recommend, on the part of the Conference, the adoption of the following measures:

1. A resolve to reclaim, if possible, the property to the Church.

2. The appointment of a mass meeting of ministers, delegates, visitors and citizens, to be held during the present session, and addresses, with a view to raising two thousand, three hundred dollars, more or less, in cash or its equivalent, with which to liquidate a cash claim against the joint stock company owning the property—thus securing that amount of stock in the Institution, and removing one of the principal difficulties in the way of reclaiming the College to the Church, as also for the purpose of raising as large a subscription as possible for the purchase of stock.

3. The appointment of an agent to operate during this session in securing from stockholders donations of stock.

4. The appointment of an efficient agent for the year, to be paid by a per cent, to raise means with which to secure the entire stock, in the form of promisory notes to be made payable when $10,000 shall have been secured, and when a charter shall have been obtained according to the laws of North Carolina, in which there shall be a provision forever precluding the Trustees of the Institution, who may be appointed, from pledging any part of the property of the College, or rendering it in any wise liable for debts that may be incurred in the conduct of the Institution, for salaries, improvements on or additions to the property, or otherwise.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. N. Price, Chairman.

C. D. Smith, Sec'y.

REPORT ON EXPENSES OF DELEGATES.

The committee to whom was referred the matter of expenses of delegates to the General Conference beg leave to report:

From papers in our hands it appears that $126.15 are unpaid of the expenses of delegates as shown by their accounts, toward the payment of which we have $19.00 paid in at this Conference, leaving a balance of $107.15.

We find that the following districts are delinquent on the assessment for expenses of delegates to the General Conference, to wit:

Jeffersonville	District,	$6.14
Abingdon	"	3.00
Morristown	"	5.10
Chattanooga	"	10.00
Franklin	"	20.00
Making in all,		44.24

If this deficiency were collected it would still leave a deficiency of $63.00, which we recommend shall be assessed to the Districts as follows:

Wytheville	District,	$6.00
Jeffersonville	"	6.00
Abingdon	"	6.00
Jonesborough	"	6.00
Morristown	"	6.00
Knoxville	"	6.00
Athens	"	6.00
Chattanooga	"	6.00
Pikeville	"	5.00
Asheville	"	6.00
Franklin	"	4.00
		$63.00

We recommend that the money on hand and the sums found to be delinquent on the districts, when collected, and the new assessments on the districts when collected, be paid over to A. W. Boyd, Treasurer, for settlement with the delegates. We further recommend that the presiding elders be charged with the collection and payment of said Assessments.

Respectfully reported,

Wm. B. Aston, Ch'm.

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REPORT ON BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

Your committee on Books and Periodicals would respectfully report:

That they have examined the communication from the Book Agent, Dr. Redford, referred to them, and find the exhibit exceedingly encouraging. Too much cannot be said in commendation of an agency, which has been so managed, as to increase constantly the working capital of our Publishing House. This will appear the more remarkable when we consider the financial condition of the country in which the agent had to operate. Confined exclusively to the impoverished South, he has within the last eight years, increased the assets of the Publishing House from $87,165.70, to $314,037.11; or a net gain of $226,871.41. The agent very properly attributes much of his success to the active co-operation of the ministers and friends of the church; and we are glad to know that Holston Conference has done well in this matter.

But the chief object of the Publishing House is not to make money, but to circulate religious literature, especially Methodist literature. We have in our itinerancy, the most effective sub-agency in the world, and our ecclesiastical economy makes it the special duty of every traveling preacher to circulate our books and periodicals. Your committee would urge upon the members of this Conference, increased diligence in this department of their work.

We would especially advise that an effort be made to increase the circulation of the *Christian Advocate* within our bounds. It is our *church paper*, and is designed to furnish general church intelligence, and on this account ought to be in every Methodist family in the land.

We would also commend to the patronage of our ministers and people, the *Southern Quarterly Review*.

The *Holston Methodist*, not only serves a valuable purpose as a Conference organ, but we believe is doing much good among our people. We approve its editorial management thus far, and would urge upon the members of Conference, and its friends generally, the importance of increasing its circulation within our territory.

In this connection your committee would mention favorably the *Religious Herald*, published by Rev. William Hicks of this Conference. As the editor proposes now to make the *Herald* an organ of Methodism, we would recommend it to our people. and hope they will support it liberally.

Our Missionary, a monthly periodical devoted to the cause of Missions, published at Nashville by our Missionary Secretaries, demands our unqualified approval and support. It occupies a department of religious literature hitherto too much neglected by our church. The low price at which it is published brings it within the reach of every member of the Southern Methodist Church.

Your committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That we commend to the confidence and liberal patronage of our preachers and people, the Southern Methodist Publishing House at Nashville, and its publications.

2. *Resolved*, That we will endeavor to increase the circulation of the *Christian Advocate*, *Holston Methodist* and *Religious Herald*, within our bounds during the coming year.

W. G. E. CUNNYNGHAM, Chairman.

Asheville, N. C., Oct. 21, 1874.

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Athens, Tennessee

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The committee on Education beg leave to present the following report:

Short communications from the different Institutions under your care have been laid before the committee. We rejoice to hear of the continued prosperity of each, in imparting instruction and in moulding the religious character of our youth.

From the information before us, we learn the following facts concerning Emory and Henry College: Since the year 1837 this Institution has been successfully operated in the interest of the church. Her Alumni are found in the Baltimore, the Virginia, the Tennessee, the Georgia, the Alabama, the Mississippi, the Texas, the Missouri, the Denver, and the Pacific conferences, besides quite a number in the Holston. These are her epistles, known and read of all men.

During the past year there were one hundred and sixty-three students in attendance; fifty-six of these were from the territory of the Holston Conference; thirty-two of these were from Washington county, in which the College is located. There were twenty-four graduates last June, which is the largest class ever sent out from the College. Fifteen young ministers and eight ministers' sons, received instruction here last year. A fine revival of religion last spring resulted in fifty conversions and an accession of the same number to the church. This was followed up during the session by a daily prayer-meeting among the young men, which contributed much to their steadfastness in the faith and a growth in grace. The present session opened with one hundred and sixty students, which is the largest beginning since the war. While we are gratified at this exhibit, we are reminded of the fact that the patronage of the College is not what it should be. As preachers we should be more active as agents for Emory and Henry College, especially when we remember that during the past year nearly one thousand dollars in tuition was given to young ministers and the sons of ministers. There are ample accomodations for at least one hundred more students there. As a College of the very highest grade it stands second to none in the land. Then let its rooms be filled. Let the preachers of the Holston Conference become co-workers with the faculty to this end, and the cause of christian education will be greatly advanced, that our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth, and that the church may have cultivated and able young men to receive the descending mantles of their fathers. The late meeting of the joint board recommended that the visitors appointed by the conference hold this position for four years. In accordance with that recommendation, we nominate the following board of visitors for the next four years, and recommend that the Conference require that a written report from this board be laid on the Secretary's table, on the first morning of each annual session of your body. The following are the nominations: Rev. J. M. McTeer, Rev. J. W. Dickey, Rev. G. W. Miles, Rev. B. W. S. Bishop, Rev. G. Stewart, Rev. R. N. Price, Rev. E. W. Moore, Rev. Frank Richardson, Wm. B. Aston, Esq., James D. Johnston, Esq., Hon. John A. Kelly, Hon. James P. Kelly, Peter Gallagher, Esq.

MARTHA WASHINGTON COLLEGE.

Martha Washington is the only Female College now belonging to the Holston Conference. Major R. W. Jones has just entered upon the fourth year of his presidency. He has been successful in the past, he is hopeful for the future. The past year has been more prosperous

than the preceeding. The faculty have been attentive to duty, and untiring in their energy. The pupils have been studious, and have manifested a laudable ambition to excel. The gratifying results of these notable facts, are, success on the part of pupils and consciousness in the minds of the Board of Instruction, that their labors have not been in vain.

The reputation of the College is constantly increasing. Frequent applications to the President, for his graduates, for chairs in different departments of instruction in the Female Colleges of the South and West, bear witness to this fact. The high salaries offered to graduates of Martha Washington is further proof of the same truth. Since our last annual meeting the Rev. Herbert P. Myers of the South Georgia Conference has been elected Professor of Mathematics and Natural Science. A Master of Arts of the Georgia University, enthusiastically fond of teaching, possessing tact and aptitude, and bringing with him the prestige of success, the election of Prof. Myers augurs much good to the Institution. The present session opened with a larger number of pupils than has been present at the opening for several years. What more is necessary to complete the permanent success of Martha Washington as a College of the very highest grade, for the education of the daughters of the church for generations to come? To your committee it appears that a concentrated effort on the part of the ministry and laity of the church in the Holston Conference will accomplish this most desirable end. Will such effort be made? Will not every preacher regard it as his imperative duty to labor to increase the patronage of this Institution? Will not the laity manifest their devotion to the Institutions of the church by untiring energy in behalf of this noble College; or will they disregard its claims, treat them lightly, and by this course leave it as a melancholy index of indifference to interests which other denominations sacredly regard? Let us not be content with allowing this noble Institution a passive recognition. Our positive support and active influence are demanded. Bountiful sowing must precede a bountiful harvest. Let not our many strong resolutions be the extravagant companions of feeble efforts.

The following are nominated as the Board of Visitors for the ensuing year: Rev. G. W. Miles, Rev. J. W. Dickey, Rev. J. M. McTeer, Rev. B. W. S. Bishop, Rev. J. S. Burnett, Rev. H. C. Neal, Rev. S. Philips, Rev. T. P. Thomas, Col. W. J. Jordan, Prof. J. L. Buchman, Hon. J. P. Kelly, F. W. Earnest, Esq., and J. W. Gaut, Esq.

HIWASSEE COLLEGE.

This Institution, now under the direction of the Conference, was founded, amid the prayers of the church, in 1849; successfully operated before the war, where many of the youth of the South, and especially of East Tennessee, were educated.

After various difficulties, the school sometimes in operation and sometimes not, since the war, and after a year of entire suspension, on the 4th of August, 1873, it was re-opened under the Presidency of our beloved Bro. J. H. Brunner, and the catalogue shows that 136 students were in attendance. Unfortunately the measles among the students hindered the having of commencement exercises.

The object of this Institution, at the beginning, was to afford education to young men with limited means; and while we would not raise envious distinctions between Hiwassee and any other of our good schools, we would commend it, especially to young men thus situated.

Bro. Brunner, we are happy to say, is working ardently, faithfully and efficiently, for the cause of christian education, assisted by Professors Bowden, Hicks, Dawson and McCrosky.

As Bro. Brunner has been so diligent, even spending a portion of his own individual means to promote the interests of the College, and as these are much needed yet, we ask our people, where they can, to contribute liberally for these purposes. We recommend Bro. Brunner and his assistants as safe and efficient educators, and we commend Hiwassee College to the patronage of our church and people, and the public generally.

We are happy to say the College is out of debt, and the Trustees are determined to *keep* it out.

The following brethren are nominated a Board of Visitors to Hiwassee College for the ensuing year: W. J. Fowler, W. W. Bays, C. Long, W. W. Pyott, A. W. Boyd, L. L. H. Carlock, Col. A. H. Keith, J. M. McTeer, W. F. Lenoir, J. P. McMillin, Esq., James Atkins, Sr., T. R. Handy.

A resolution from the Board of Trustees, of Asheville Female College, asking the re-appointment of Rev. J. S. Kennedy, D. D., to the Presidency of this Institution, has been laid before us. We recommend that the appointment be made. As the status of this College has been referred to a special committee we will forbear further remark in relation to it, except to say that although it is not the property of the church, it is owned mainly by members of our church, and has been conducted largely in its interest. We therefore recommend the Institution to the attention and patronage of our people.

A communication from Sullins College, asking the re-appointment of Rev. David Sullins, D. D., has been laid before the committee. We recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That we receive with pleasure, the report of the Trustees of Sullins College, in regard to the good work that our beloved brother David Sullins is doing for the cause of christian culture, and recommend his re-appointment to the Presidency of Sullins College.

We are happy to say that the District High School system is gaining favor in the conference and schools of this kind have been established in the majority of the districts. They have been successful beyond the expectation of those who projected them. We have every reason to believe that properly conducted they may be made a great blessing to the church. It is necessary to the highest usefulness of these schools that they be conducted as high schools and as feeders to our Colleges proper. Thus conducted they should have the hearty support and co-operation of our people.

Our system of High Schools, original with ourselves, is beginning to attract attention and excite admiration in the church at large, and we have much reason to rejoice at the success which has crowned our efforts in this direction. We recommend the following appointments: Rev. Geo. A. Frazier, to the Abingdon District School; Rev. Robert H. Parker, to the Athens District Female Institute; and Rev. J. P. Dickey and Rev. R. J. Only, to the Pikeville District High School. All of which is respectfully submitted. B. W. S. Bishop, Chairman.

MEMOIRS.

Samuel B. Harwell.—Of the early life of this most excellent man we have no record. He was admitted into the Tennessee Conference on trial in the year 1819, with David Adams, Thomas Maddin, and Robert—now Bishop—Paine. He was at that session of the Confer-

ence appointed to White Circuit, Nashville District. In 1820 he was in charge of the Wayne Circuit, Cumberland District. In 1821 he was ordained deacon, and appointed in charge of the Nashville Circuit. In 1822 he traveled the Knox Circuit, and 1823 the Tennessee Valley Circuit. The General Minutes show that in 1824 he remained a deacon, but no reference to his appointment. In 1825 his name appears on the roll of the Holston Conference, and is left without any appointment. In 1826 he returned to the local ranks. He was received back into the traveling Connection about the year 1846—was appointed to the Maryville Circuit, where he traveled two years with great acceptability and usefulness. Soon after this time he was placed on the supernumerary list, and sustained this relation to the Conference at the time of his death, which occured on the 16th day of August, 1874, at his home in Roane co., Tenn. S. B. Harwell was a man of vigorous mind, familiar with the doctrines of the Bible, and unwavering in his devotion to the Church. As a preacher he was far above mediocrity. During a long life he maintained a consistent Christian character. He lingered long on the shores of mortality, afflicted with dropsy, of which he died. He was patient in suffering, unwavering in his trust on the merits of Jesus Christ, and departed in the blissful hope of eternal life.

Samuel Alexander was born Feb. 16, 1836, and died Feb. 15, 1874. He professed religion and joined the M. E. Church South, at Turkeytown Camp-ground, Carter co., Tenn., under the ministry of the Rev. J. Haskew, in 1853. In 1857 his father's family removed to Missouri, and in the fall of 1860 he received a license to preach, and was received on trial into the Missouri Conference, in which he continued a laborious and efficient traveling preacher till the autumn of 1872, when he came to Marion, Va., to recuperate his failing health. At the session of the Holston Conference, meeting in Marion, Va., Oct., 1873, he was transferred to the Holston Conference, and appointed to the Saltville Circuit. His health was too feeble to enter upon his work till January, 1874, when, from strong desire, though not yet restored, he ventured to Saltville, preaching morning and night. He literally fell at his post. Returning home on Monday, Jan. 26, he took his bed, strangely and seriously prostrated. His disease was softening of the brain. He was united in marriage to Miss Isabella C. Rooker, in Missouri, Sept. 29, 1863. Widowhood is left to her, with three young children. In the Missouri Conference he filled the following appointments: Chillicothe Mission, 1860; Bucklin Circuit, 1862, 1863, 1864; Gallatin Circuit, 1865; supernumerary by reason of feeble health in 1866, 1867, 1868; Millville, 1869; and Salisbury, 1870. During these years he received into the Church about eight hundred souls. They were years of peril and trial in Missouri. Some lost their lives—others went to prison. Brother Alexander was arrested, and refused to take the test-oath, and finally was compelled to give security for his good behavior! But preach he must and would. As a preacher he was industrious and laborious, having above three-score written sermons. His voice was full and musical, sometimes, in happy seasons, swelling to a trumpet-blast. As a Christian his piety was thorough and consistent, always possessing a cheerful and happy spirit, but never vain or trifling. The first conviction on the mind of strangers, when he appeared in private or public, was that he aspired to be pure and holy above all else. Take him all in all, his brethren do not hesitate to pronounce his life one of holiness. His affliction was such that little communication could be had with him—his hearing and speech both being impaired. He suffered little if any pain. All his thoughts during seasons of mental wander-

ing had relation to the labors and triumphs of his former ministry. On one occasion, arousing from deep stupor, he requested all around him to unite in prayer, leading the prayer in appropriate language while utterly unconscious. In the early stages of his sickness he was in full ecstasy whenever singing and prayer were joined in. His zeal literally consumed him! He felt individually employed by the Master—the work was great—the time was short—he must hasten out to improve the light as it lasted. He is gone—the sun went out at noon—but not beneath clouds. He rests in Heaven.

Edward Farrell Lyon was born in Knoxville, Tenn., June 6, 1836, and dedicated to God by baptism in his infancy. Blessed with pious parents, from the first dawnings of reason he was carefully instructed in the truth that maketh wise unto salvation, and taught to revere the house of God and his ministry, with whom he was con tantly associated in childhood and youth, his home being also the home of the Methodist preacher. Under these circumstances it is not strange that he grew up to mature manhood with a most profound regard for sacred things. Early in life he was impressed with the conviction that it was his duty to preach the gospel. Holding then and ever the most elevated views of the dignity and responsibility attaching to this office, he shrank from it under a sincere sense of unworthiness. In the pulpit his manner was always serious and impressive. Preparing his sermons with care, and delivering them with an unstudied grace and native eloquence, he never failed to gain the attention of his congregations. Possessed of a rich, musical voice, of great flexibility and compass, expressing with rare truthfulness every emotion, when he pleaded with God in public prayer his fervent appeals awakened responsive echoes in every heart, and impressed every one with the conviction, "He is praying for me." His voice is hushed now, and his work on earth finished. He died fighting for the Master, and although his blows may have fallen faint and fainter at the last, yet were they struck with unfaltering trust in an omnipotent Lord. Farewell, brother, but not forever. We shall meet again where the storms of life are over, and rest from the weariness of earth under the shade of the beautiful trees by the river of life.

E. Waverly Marsh was borne in Rhea co., Tenn., Nov. 27, 1847; was soundly converted at Philip's Chapel, in the same county, Jan., 1865, while a student of the now sainted Brother T. K. Munsey, from whom he, with many other young men, received the impress of divine truth as few men on earth could impart it. He was married to a godly young lady in 1867, who only lived to bless him with her love five months, when she passed away to be an angel. He was licensed to preach at Winston's Chapel, Kingston Circuit, Dec. 12, 1867; was engaged in teaching, which he continued for a few months, after which he spent the remainder of that Conference year with the Rev. D. H. Atkins on Tracy City and Spencer Mission with great acceptability. He joined the Holston Conference, at Abingdon, Va., Oct., 1869, and was appointed, and traveled, Tracy City and Spencer Mission. His second year he traveled Hamilton Circuit. His third and fourth years were spent on Spencer Mission and at Burritt College; located at Spencer, where, as in every field, he labored with great success. He was ordained deacon at Morristown by Bishop Pierce at the close of his second year; and, as his health gave way at the close of his fourth year, he was not with us at our last annual session, at Marion, Va. During the latter part of last year, while laboring in a protracted revival on his work, cold settled on his lungs, when consumption began its fearful work, and rapidly wasted his manly strength. His suffer-

ings were intense, but never was displayed more fortitude under suffering. By grace he conquered the last enemy, and gloriously triumphed over the grave. His sun set not behind a cloud, but on the 4th of March, 1874, it melted away into the brighter glory of heaven, as the morning star before the rising day. A short time before he "fell on sleep" he said to a young friend and classmate, "I have been lingering near the kingdom all day."

Rev. Jacob Brillhart was born Sept. 16, 1808, in York co., Pa.; was married Sept. 18, 1830, to Louisa Meyers; was converted Sept., 1834. In 1839 he removed to Richmond, Ky., and was licensed to preach at that place, and after serving the Church for several years as a local preacher, he joined the Kentucky Conference, at Flemingsburg, in 1848. He was sent the first year to Jackson Circuit, and in 1849 to Liberty Circuit. The Western Virginia Conference being organized in 1850, he became a member of that Conference, and traveled in it about 14 years, on the following circuits and districts: Coalsmouth, Braxton, Summerville and Leesburg Circuits, and Kanawha District. In 1865 he was transferred to the Holston Conference by Bishop Early, and appointed to the Franklin District. In the autumn of 1865 he was appointed to the Athens Circuit, where he traveled two years. In 1867 he was appointed to the Jonesboro' Circuit, where he traveled two years, after which, in 1870, having been stricken with paralysis, he was superannuated, which relation he sustained to the Conference until his death, Aug. 10, 1874. He calmy and meekly resigned to his afflictions, and died in great peace, saying to his companions, "I am ready —I am going home."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on Temperance report, that according to the estimates regarded reliable, the inebriating liquors consumed in the United States aggregate about 100,000,000 gallons per annum, and the apprehensions are, that should the pauperism produced by drunkenness augment in this country as it has done in years past there is nothing to stop the frightful results which have come upon England, where property is abandoned in some of the parishes because the poor tax exceeds the annual income. * * *

A sentiment clearly taught in the Scriptures is, that *intemperance is a sin*, and under the Theocracy is was punished in the most summary manner.

It was the duty of the parents of a rebellious son who was a drunkard to denounce him to the elders of the city. And the Divine direction was that "all the men of the city shall stone him with stones, that he die; and so shalt thou put evil away from among you and all Israel shall hear and fear. * * * God not only denounces drunkenness as a sin for which the drunkard is responsible, but it is classed in the Scriptures with the most heinous crimes that befoul the history of mankind.

The warfare, made in the bounds of our Conference during the past year, against the unnecessary use of ardent spirits, has been earnest and resulted in great good.

In former years, also, a great host of our population, including all ages, have been educated in the sentiment of total abstinence, but there remains yet much to be done.

The reformation of the intemperate is an immense difficulty. To eradicate a vice like drunkenness is far more difficult than to cultivate

the virtue of temperance before bad habits are formed. The homely proverb, that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," applies with full force to this subject. And as temperance can be most successfully promoted by prevention it is needful that domestic authority and ministerial and other Christian influences be assiduously directed to the cultivation and establishment of the character of the young in the principles of total abstinence.

The godly sentiment underlying the bold proposition of St. Paul to eat no more meat while the world should stand rather than cause his brother to offend, should be faithfully commended as a rule of life, worthy of all acceptation. And the drunkard maker should be faithfully reminded that of him God says: "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that puttest thy bottle to him and makest him drunken." In regard to what is or what may be the constituted law of the Church upon the subject of temperance your Committee ventures a single suggestion: The efficiency and success of the Church in the promulgation and establishment of the principles of temperance depend more upon an enlightened public sentiment and upon a wise and faithful administration of discipline, than upon the mere letter of the law, and that to decry and disparage the law, either as it is or as it may be, is not the best course to be pursued.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, 1, That we will urge from the pulpit and through all our ministry the imperative importance of strict regard to the teaching of the Scriptures on this subject.

Resolved, 2, That we especially call the attention of preachers in charge to the necessity of defending the purity and reputation of the Church by bringing to trial all members who persistently offend against the sacred requirements of the law of God and the Church, which enjoins in the strictest terms, morality, harmlessness and "temperance in all things."

W. W. Neal, Chairman.

CONSTITUTION OF HOLSTON CONFERENCE MISSIONARY BOARD.

The Domestic Missions of the Holston Annual Conference shall hereafter be conducted under the following provisions and regulations:

Article 1. There shall be a Board of Missions which shall have charge of the Domestic Missions of the Holston Conference of the M. E. Church, South.

Art. 2. Said Board shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and eleven Managers, to be elected annually and to continue in office until their successors are appointed. The Managers shall be chosen as far as possible from the respective districts equally.

Art. 3. The Board shall have authority to regulate its own proceedings; to appropriate money for incidental expenses, and to defray the necessary expenses of the work under its care. It shall also publish annually in the minutes of the Conference a statement of its transactions, naming the missions supported by it, and the amount appropriated to each.

Art. 4. The Board shall meet annually at the session of the Annual Conference, to determine what fields shall be occupied as missions; estimate the amount necessary to support the missions under its charge; make the appropriations for each; to divide the amount to

be raised for missions among the several Presiding Elders' Districts, having reference in said division to the ability and disposition of the people to give.

ART. 5. The Board shall require each missionary, supported in whole or in part out of its funds, to make a quarterly report to the Secretary, of his operations and of the state and prospects of the work in his charge.

ART. 6 The revenue of the Board shall be derived from special collections made in every congregation by the pastors, at District and Quarterly Conferences by Presiding Elders, from Sunday schools, and from special donations and legacies.

ART. 7. The Secretary shall keep a permanent record of the proceedings of the Board, of the reports of the Missionaries employed by the Board, conduct the correspondence of the Board, and publish in the church papers, from time to time, statements of the condition, needs and prospects of the missions of the Conference. He shall be allowed necessary expenses.

ART. 8. The Treasurer shall receive and hold in safe deposit all the funds of the Board, which deposit shall be made by him as Treasurer, subject to his drafts as such, and to those of his successors in office. He shall pay all the moneys coming into his hands from time to time, as soon as possible, upon outstanding drafts, making a pro rata division, and publish in the minutes of the Conference an annual report of receipts and disbursements of missionary funds.

ART. 9. Seven members shall constitute a quorum at an annual and six at a called meeting.

ART. 10. The Presiding Elders and preachers in charge of circuits and stations shall bring the subject of Missions before the people and see that efficient plans be adopted for raising money for Missionary purposes, and forward all moneys collected to the Treasurer, with as little expense and delay as possible, and take his receipt for the same.

ART. 11. All drafts made upon the Treasurer, for whatever purpose made, shall be signed by the President or Vice President and countersigned by the Secretary, and shall not be transferable without the consent of the Board.

ART. 12. The Treasurer shall in no case receive the receipt of a Presiding Elder or preacher in charge, in lieu of Missionary money collected.

ART. 13. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any session of the Annual Conference.

REPORT OF TREASURER

HOLSTON CONFERENCE BOARD OF MISSIONS, 1873–4.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Oct. 21, 1874.

J. W. Dickey, Treasurer, in account with the Board of Missions for Holston Annual Conference :

Dr.

To amount of special collections from the several circuits, stations, &c., ...	$1,497 00
To amount of special collection made at Asheville, anniversary collection, ...	350 00
To amount of sundry collections, ...	11 00
	$1,858 00

To amount of general collection from the several circuits stations, &c.,	$2,038 98
To amount of special collection for Mission in Mexico,	243 25
To amount of W. H. Price's Note, counted last year but paid in this year,	100 00
	$4,240 23

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By amount paid Dr. A. G. Haywood, 40 per cent of general collection,	$817 60
By am't paid same for Mexico,	243 25
" " " G. W. Miles for Wytheville District,	100 00
" " " W. L. Turner " " "	87 50
" " " Geo. Stewart " Jeffersonville "	257 58
" " " E. W. Moore " Abingdon "	147 50
" " " G. Taylor " Jonesboro "	100 00
" " " J. R. Payne " Knoxville "	125 60
" " " J. M. McTeer " Knoxv. & Athens "	243 23
" " " C. Long " " " "	229 55
" " " J. Atkins " Chattanooga "	250 70
" " " W. W. Neal " Pikeville "	431 75
" " " S. R. Wheeler " " "	290 90
" " " A. J. Frazier " Asheville "	65 00
" " " J. W. Bowman " Franklin "	272 70
" " " " " " "	40 00
" " " J. R. Long " " "	400 00
" " " T. F. Glenn " " "	137 75
	$4,240 61

J. W. Dickey, Treasurer.

This report is in part compiled and arranged by Secretary.

REPORT OF BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Asheville, N. C., Oct. 21, 1874.

To the Bishop and Members of the Holston Annual Conference now in session at this place :

Dear Fathers and Brethren : Your board of Missions beg leave to present the following report :

The Board met and organized by the election of the following officers : President, Wm. Hicks ; Vice-President, J. W. Dickey ; Treasurer, W. G. E. Cunnyngham ; Secretary, F. Richardson.

They made the following appropriations for the year 1874–5 :

Wytheville	District,	Carroll Mission,	$100
Jeffersonville	"	Bluestone and Flat Top Mission,	125
"	"	McDowell Mission,	100
"	"	Buchanan "	75
"	"	McClure "	125
Jonesboro'	"	Taylorsville "	150
"	"	Horse Creek "	150
Morristown	"	Sneedville "	125
Knoxville	"	Mabry Street "	200
Athens	"	Tellico "	75
"	"	Tenn. River "	100
Chattanooga	"	Chickamauga "	75
"	"	Ocoee "	125

(over)

Pikeville	District,	Wartburg	Mission,	100
"	"	Cove	"	75
"	"	Mountain	"	125
"	"	Spencer	"	100
"	"	Huntsville	"	100
"	"	Bonair	"	175
Asheville	"	Pine Creek	"	100
Franklin	"	Cashier's Valley	"	125
"	"	Graham	"	125
				$2,550

The following assessments were made for the year 1874–5 :

		Home Missions,	For. Missions.
Wytheville	District,	$400	$250
Jeffersonville	"	300	200
Abingdon	"	400	250
Jonesboro'	"	350	200
Morristown	"	375	225
Knoxville	"	400	250
Athens	"	300	200
Chattanooga	"	350	225
Pikeville	"	150	125
Asheville	"	300	200
Franklin	"	250	150
	Total,	$3,575	$2,275

The report of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions will be presented to you by that officer.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. HICKS, Prest.

F. RICHARDSON, Sec'y.

PREACHERS' MEMORIAL AID SOCIETY.

The Committee appointed to consider the advisability of organizing a society for raising funds to place tombstones at the graves of ministers of this Conference who may fall in the itinerant work, respectfully recommend the adoption of the following:

1. This Conference hereby forms an association to be known as the Preachers' Memorial Aid Society.
2. The Officers of this society shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer, who shall be elected annually.
3. Meetings of this Society shall be held each year at some time during the session of the Annual Conference. The time for said meeting, shall be fixed by the committee on Public Worship.
4. Any member of the Conference, clerical or lay, may become a member by the paymemt of a fee of fifty cents.
5. Each member shall pay an annual fee of fifty cents.
6. The officers of the Society shall constitute an Executive Board for the management of its business, and shall report all their proceedings to the annual meeting of the Society.
7. Upon the death of any member of this society, this Executive Board shall cause to be erected where his mortal remains are placed, an appropriate Tablet, suitably inscribed or shall co-operate with the family of the deceased in doing this.

8. The funds of the society shall be sacredly held for this single purpose.

The committee further recommend, that the society appoint some traveling preacher, an agent to raise means for marking the resting places of those preachers who fell in this Conference in the past, at the post of duty.

That the funds raised by this agent shall be expended by the Executive Board in prosecution of this object.

Respectfully submitted,

J. BORING, Chairman.
W. HICKS,
R. W. JONES.

REPORT OF JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

1. SUMMARY OF CONFERENCE FUND.

Amount of collections for Conference claimants,	$1,044 90
Received of E. E. Wiley, Interest on Note, Pr's. Aid Soc.,	38 67
" " W. G. E. Cunnyngham, Interest on Waugh F'd.,	24 00
" " J. Atkins, Sr., Interest on Note,	21 78
" " G. Taylor, Interest on Ambrister Fund,	181 50
Total,	$1,310 85

2. DISTRIBUTION OF THE CONFERENCE FUND.

The Conference Fund was distributed to the following claimants :

1	Mrs. J. G. Swisher,	per	R. J. Only,	$150 00
2	" W. W. Smith,	"	W. G. E. Cunnyngham,	45 00
3	Rev. Timothy Sullins,	"	J. M. McTeer,	110 00
4	Mrs. C. Mitchell,	"	G. W. Miles,	95 00
5	" W. Boring,	"	J. Boring,	60 00
6	" E. A. Patton,	"	Bro. Neal,	45 00
7	Bro. Ballew's Children,	"	J. W. Bird,	65 00
8	Mrs. Mary Goodykountz,	"	J. M. Marshall,	35 00
9	" Mary Fleming,	"	W. G. E. Cunnyngham,	25 00
10	" R. M. Stevens,	"	" " "	25 00
11	Rev. T. K. Munsey's two youngest children, Zachariah and Thomas,	per	W. W. Bays,	100 00
12	Mrs. W. Keener,	"	W. Hicks,	50 00
13	" O. F. Cunningham,	"	G. Taylor,	50 00
14	" J. Brillhart,	"	W. W. Pyott,	20 00
15	Rev. W. B. Winton,	"	J. M. McTeer,	120 00
16	Mrs. W. K. Foster,	"	Geo. Stewart,	95 00
17	" S. Alexander,	"	G. W. Miles,	100 00
18	" E. F. Lyons,	"	G. D. French,	100 00
19	Miss Bettie Wagg,	"	B. W. S. Bishop,	20 00
				$1,310 00
	Stationary, &c.,			85
				$1,310 85

3. Resolutions.

Your Joint Board would respectfully recommend the following resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That the Holston Conference of the M. E. Church, South, accepts with gratitude the bequest of $2,000 00 made to the Conference by Rev. Jacob Brillhart, deceased, and that we further approve of the appointment of Rev. Grinsfield Taylor, as Trustee of this bequest.

2. *Resolved*, further, That Rev. Grinsfield Taylor be authorized to receive from the Executrix of said Will, the note mentioned in said Will, on J. J. & J. M. Browder, for the sum of eighteen hundred and fifty-five ($1,855 00) dollars, bearing interest from 27th March, 1871, in discharge of said legacy, if the Executrix will allow him to take the interest until it makes the amount.

3. *Resolved*, That we require a receipt from claimants for monies received from the Conference Fund, and that the same be placed in the hands of the Chairman of the Board of Finance.

Assessment for 1874–5.

District.	Conf. Fund.	Bishop's Fund.
Wytheville,	$200	$80
Jeffersonville,	150	65
Abingdon,	200	80
Jonesboro',	150	65
Morristown,	200	80
Knoxville,	200	80
Athens,	150	65
Chattanooga,	200	80
Pikeville,	75	40
Asheville,	200	80
Franklin,	100	40
	$1,825	$755

Your Board of Finance would specially urge the preachers to have our Conference plan worked, which we are sure will improve our finances.

H. C. Neal, Chairman.

REPORT ON FINANCE, &c.

Note—The report of Board of Finance is necessarily separated, part being included in the Statistical tables.

Owing to the want of space, the report of other Church Property, amounting to $181, 965, is omitted, also report of Sunday School expenses, amounting to $3,121.49, and amount for building and repairing Churches, amounting to $20,027.75.

The Salaries of Presiding Elders, are included in a seperate table, with the report by districts of the Conference and Bishop's collections.

I have done the best I could to include all reports, &c., abridging some, compiling others and adding eight pages more than last year, and if any be left out be assured it was impracticable to insert them.

The statistical report is of necessity seperated.

J. R. PAYNE, Asst. Sect.

CHURCH PROPERTY AND FINANCE.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	CHURCH'S		PARSONAGES.		PREACHERS' SALARIES.		COLLECTIONS.	
	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Assessed.	Paid.	For Missions	For Conference Claim'ts
WYTHEVILLE DISTRICT.								
Wytheville Station	1	$2,000			$400	400	$37	$20
Wytheville circuit	12	2,300	1	$2200	1000	675 43	66 10	12 80
Newbern "	6	12,300	1	700	750	596 18	175 25	43
Hillsville "	3	2,700			200	114	25	5
Jacksonville "					175	145	2 75	
Grayson "	10	5,500	1	650	500	400	20	5
Jefferson "	5				700	221 30	11 15	
Marion "	6	12,000	1	2000	800	609 64	81	16 28
Watauga "	5	3,000			400	175	5 90	1 45
Total	48	40,800	4	5550	4925	3,836 55	424 15	105 53
JEFFERSONVILLE DISTRICT.								
Jeffersonville Station	2	6,500			500	440	30	$14
Liberty Hill circuit	4	4,000			400	266	26 50	
East Tazewell "	6	2,500			650	392 49	75 15	5
Pearisburg "	10	7,000	1	1000	500	386 60	78 41	25
Seddon "	6	1,800			400	200	12 45	6 75
Princeton "	9	4,100			200	220	27 50	15
Bluestone "	2	200			200	85 20	7 15	
McDowell mission	2	200			100	44	14	
Buchanan "					150	56		
Total	46	26,300	1	1000	3100	2,000 29	$271 10	65 75
ABINGDON DISTRICT.								
Abingdon Station	1	4,000			500	500 61	132 15	$25 70
Abingdon circuit	7	4,000	1	1500	500	350	40	13
Emory "	3	2,000			400	331	225	25
Bristol station	1	1,500	1	2000	750	750	82 75	17
Bristol circuit	6	3,500			500	500	30	5
Saltville "	3	800			525	375	14 50	25
Burk's Garden "					100	100	6	5
Lebanon "	5	5,200	1	2000	700	525	26 60	30
Dickinsonville "	7	13,000			400	350	60	10
Estillville "	10	4,000	1	400	600	387 89	10	
Gladeville "	1	75			300	140 54	5	2
McClure mission	1	100			150	130		
Total	45	38,175	4	5900	5425	4,440 04	$632 00	157 70
JONESBORO DISTRICT.								
Jonesboro Station	1	4,000			485	525	$136	$17 80
Jonesboro circuit	5	4,000	1	800	500	425	18	4
Blountville "	7	6,200	1	600	500	403 15	45 35	13
Rheatown "	5	5,900	1	800	500	412 07	55	5 25
Greeneville "	8	3,300	1	1200	500	290	75 65	8 20
St. Clair "	7	4,000			500	255 46	45 60	5
Newport "	5	3,000			250	253 50	20	
Fall Branch "	4	2,100			250	183 58	4 25	2
Total	42	32,500	4	3400	3485	2,747 76	$399 85	55 25

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